



Photo by Theresa Sprague

Black Chokeberry

Aronia melanocarpa

Growing Information

- Plant Type: Shrub
- Sunlight: Sun, part shade
- Soils: Moist to dry, average
- Bloom Time: White flowers in May, June
- Size: 3-10ft in height; 3-6ft spread

Plant this multi-stemmed shrub in a wildlife or mixed shrub border to show its small masses of flowers followed by showy fruit. When planted in full sun, foliage will be deep red in fall. It can spread by root suckers forming colonies. Drought tolerant once established and tolerates occasional flooding.

Garden Companions

Cinnamon Fern (*Osmundastrum cinnamomeum*), Royal Fern (*Osmunda regalis*), Steeple Bush (*Spirea tomentosa*), Speckled Alder (*Alnus incana*), Wild Strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*), Grass-leaved Goldenrod (*Euthamia graminifolia*)

Nature Benefits

- Showy fruits attract birds in winter.
- Offers nectar for bees and other pollinating insects.

Natural Habitat

Occurs in bogs, wet thickets, margins of ponds and lakes, woods.